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RESOLUTION**The Problem:**

Bluegill relative abundance on Middle Eau Claire Lake in 2004 has declined by 58% since 1983. The estimated catch of bluegill in 2004 decreased by 81% and 78% from 1993 and 1998, respectively. Directed angler effort for bluegill has declined from 31.3% in 1993 to 10.4% in 2004. The black crappie, once an abundant species has declined to very low numbers. Similar trends are reported on all the Eau Claire Lakes. (Data from WI DNR 2004 fish survey)

At present the DNR bag limit of 25 panfish does little to protect the small numbers of bluegill and other panfish species concentrated in the few areas of the lakes with suitable aquatic vegetation.

Whereas, panfish are the species that hook kids on fishing, and kids are our future for the sport of fishing.

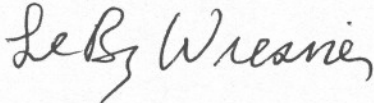
Whereas, panfish abundance on the Eau Claire Lakes is significantly less than past years.

Whereas, there was unanimous support, from the board of directors of the Property Owner's Association, Inc., Barnes/Eau Claire Lakes Area, for this resolution.

Be it resolved, the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Bayfield County on April 10th, 2006, recommends that the Department of Natural Resources take action to increase the number of bluegills and other panfish by changing the daily bag limit on panfish in the Eau Claire Lakes from 25 to 10.

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County Vote: (by show of hands or written ballot where appropriate)

YES

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NO

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